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Cadiz, Dec. 7. N. S.

FOur *French* Men of War came in here the last Week from cruizing against the Ships of *Sally*, and they still continue in this Bay. Captain *Monden*, Commadore of the *English* Squadron in these Parts, has sent the *Lime* Frigat to *Tetuan* to bring from thence Captain *Delaval*, who has adjusted all Matters with the Emperor of *Morocco*, concerning the Redemption of the *English* Captives in *Barbary*. 'Tis said, the Galeons will depart from hence in the Spring for the *West-Indies*, and several *Spanish* Men of War are fitting out here to serve for their Convoy.

Madrid, Dec. 1. The King and Queen of *Spain* continue to enjoy a perfect Health. The Duke of *Medina-Sidonia* is made Major-Domo Major, or High Steward to the King, and the Marquis *de los Balbaces*, who served the Queen in the same Quality, having resigned that Office by reason of the ill state of his Health, it's given to the Count *de St. Istevan*. The Marquis of *Florida* having excused his not accepting the Government of the Castle of *Antwerp*, vacant by the Death of the late Governor, the King has disposed of it to Don *Lewis Borgia*, Brother to the Duke of *Candia*, who serves at present in the *Spanish Netherlands* as Colonel of a Regiment of Foot. The Count *de los Arcos*, Captain of the King's *Spanish* Guards, died here some days ago, and that Command is given to the Marquis of *Quintana*, who is succeeded as Captain of the King's *German* Guards by the Conde *d'Alba de Lista*. Don *Manuel de Arze y Astete*, President of the Council *de la Hazienda*, is made a Member of the Chamber of *Castille*; and Don *Miguel del Pueyo*, who was Governor of *Cadiz*, has obtained the Office of President *de la Hazienda*. It's believed the Count *de Monterey* will be quite removed from the Presidentship of the Supreme Council of the *Spanish Netherlands*, which Place is officiated at present by the Marquis *de Castelmoncayo*, and that the same will be given to the Prince of *Vaudemont*. Our Letters from *Ceuta* give an Account, that the Garrison of that Place has lately been reinforced and supplied with Provisions and Ammunition, and that they continue to make a vigorous Defence against the *Moors*, who of late have rather lost than gained any Ground from the *Spaniards*. These Letters add, that a strong Party of *Moors* had attempted to surprize the Town of *Oran*, but were beaten back with considerable Loss.

Coruna, Dec. 28. The *Bembo*, Captain *Henry Hughes* Commander, bound to *Lisbon*, having sustained some Damage in bad Weather, came into this Port the 25th Instant to refit, and this day put to Sea again, in order to continue her Voyage, as did likewise the *Prosperous Ketch*, *Thomas Wilson* Commander, bound to *Viana*. Another *English* Merchant Ship Commanded by Mr. *Matthew Smith*, arrived here yesterday from *London*; The *Spanish Expedition* Pacquet-Boat came in likewise yesterday from *Falmouth*, and will sail again this day.

Rome, Dec. 19. The Pope finding himself much better, has given Orders for putting off the Ceremony of opening St. *Peter's* Gate till the *Epiphany*, in hopes he may then be able to perform it himself. He begins again to dispatch several Publick Affairs, and among other things, has ordered the Taxes on Wines, and several other Commodities, to be considerably lessened. He has likewise given Directions to his Treasurer, to pay a considerable Sum of Money for Repairing and Finishing the new Works at Port *Anzo*. The Prince of *Monaco*, Ambassador from the Crown of *France*, who has been dangerously ill of a Feaver, is now on the mending hand. The Duke *d'Uceda*, Ambassador from *Spain*, arrived here the 10th Instant from *Milan*, and immediately after was visited by the Cardinal *Guidice*, with whom he has since been several times in Conference. 'Tis said, his Excellency is particularly directed to use his utmost endeavours to accommodate the Difference between the Emperor and this Court, concerning the Imperial Fiefs situate within the Ecclesiastical State, and it's believed, if the Pope recovers his health, this Matter will be adjusted.

Vienna, Dec. 23. Monsieur *Pachmeister*, Envoy from the Duke of *Wirtemberg*, received this day in the Name of the Duke his Master the Emperor's Investiture of the Dutchy of *Wirtemberg*. The Emperor having, upon his creating the late Duke of *Brunswick* an Elector of the Empire, given him the Honorary Office of Hereditary Standard-Bearer of the Empire, the Duke of *Wirtemberg*, who pretends that it belongs of Right to his Family, has ordered his Minister to represent the same to the Emperor, who thereupon has given Assurances to his Highness in Writing, that he does not intend thereby any ways to prejudice his Right. Prince *Charles* of *Niewbourg*, who came hither some days ago, is returned to *Silesia*, and will go from thence to *Dusseldorp*. The Arch-Duke *Charles* is fallen ill, and his Physicians are of opinion that 'twill prove the Small-pox. Count *Ferdinand Ernest* of *Mollart* is returned hither from *Nancy*, where he has been with the Character of the Emperor's Envoy Extraordinary to Compliment the Duke of *Lorrain* on the Birth of the Prince his Son. The Baron *Tettau*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, has taken his Leave of the Publick Ministers, and other Persons of Quality at this Court, and will return in few days to *Berlin*. Monsieur *Hop*, Envoy Extraordinary from the States-General, will likewise shortly leave this Place, and return to the *Hague*. The Pope's Bull for the Jubilee was published last Sunday in all the Churches in this City. The Letters from *Esseck* of the 21st Instant say, the Grand Signior's Ambassador to the Emperor was arri-

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